

Dear Dr. William S. Stokes,

I would like to encourage NIEHS to immediately adopt the new non-animal testing methods. I understand that these non-animal testing methods have been considered for almost 20 years. I believe they have been considered long enough and must be adopted now. Furthermore, the needless and inhumane suffering and killing of animals because of bureaucratic inertia is unacceptable and uncivilized. All government agencies and research facilities must be legally required to completely replace the use of animals in lethal dose testing with in vitro cell culture.

In particular, the EPA must immediately incorporate the non-animal cell culture method into its HPV chemical program, as promised in its October 1999 agreement with the animal protection community.

Please use your influence to do what is right -- right morally, ethically and humanely. You can make a difference to the lives of so many animals. You have the ability to stop the suffering. Please use your compassion to put an end to the testing of lethal poisons on animal and replace all animals designated for acute toxicity poisoning tests with the in vitro cell culture methods.

It takes the courage and vision of a great man to go against the complacency of the many and reform what has become a standard and acceptable practice for something new and more noble, something that will benefit not the powerful, but the small, the weak, the helpless.

Please Dr. Stokes, be that man.

Sincerely,

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